Steps taken by Government to obtain the Goal of Nuclear Free World

243. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the Government's response to the Soviet declaration of imposing cuts in nuclear weapons and installation, not only to match with the US-cuts but outdo the same by far; and

(b) what further steps are contemplated by Government to pursuade the big powers to wholly give up nuclear weapons, further nuclear tests and to obtain the goal of nuclear weapon free world; set out by the former Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Government has welcomed the comprehensive Soviet response to the announcement by USA of unilateral measures and proposals on nuclear disarmament.

(b) The Government has called for far-reaching, deeper and quicker measures for nuclear arms reduction not only by US and USSR, but also by other nuclear weapon States so that the objective of a nuclear weapon free world envisaged in the Action Plan proposed by India could be realised in not too distant a future.

U.S. plea regarding Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

244. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to USA, the U.S. Government impressed on him to reconsider India's stand on the question of signing the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty in the Light of French and Chinese Governments posture to consider signing the Treaty;

(b) if so, in what precise terms the U.S. plea was made; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) During EAM's recent visit to New York in connection with the United Nations General Assembly, he had a meeting with the US Secretary of State Mr. James Baker at which they discussed a wide range of bilateral and multilateral issues including the question of Nuclear Non-proliferation.

(c) The Government has declined to sign the NPT because of its discriminatory provisions.

245. [*Transferred to 29th November, 1991*]

Visit of Chinese Premier

246. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chinese Premier, Li Peng is going to visit India during the month of December, 1991; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the matters likely to be discussed with him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The visit will take place from December 11 to 16, 1991. Discussions during the visit will cover bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest to India and China.

Buses in the DTC Fleet

247. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of buses in DTC fleet as on 31st October, 1991;

(b) the number of new buses likely to be added in the fleet during the current financial year; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to augment the fleet in order to meet the need of commuters in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Total number of buses in DTC fleet as on 31-10-91 was 4374.

(b) and (c) There is a provision of Rs. 43.25 crores for purchase of new buses during the financial year 1991-92 on replacement account.

At present there is no proposal before the Government to augment the DTC's fleet on account of financial constraints.

However, to meet the needs of commuters in the capital, Government have recommended to Delhi Administration a scheme of special stage carriage permits to be given to private operators at a fare structure higher than that of DTC.

The State Transport Authority, Delhi has formulated a scheme for grant of 3000 stage carriage permits to the private operators on certain city routes in Delhi on fare rates higher than that of DTC. The scheme is still under consideration of Delhi Administration.

वायुदूत की उड़ानों का बन्द किया जाना

248. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वायुदूत के बढ़ते हुए घाटे को कम करने के लिए इसकी कतिपय सेवाओं को बंद कर दिया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वायुदूत की इस समय सुलभ सेवाओं और उन सेवाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है जिन्हें बन्द कर दिया गया है ;

(ग) वायुदूत ने गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान विभिन्न कार्यों पर पृथक पृथक कितना धन व्यय किया है ; और

(घ) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान वायुदूत ने अपने अधिकारियों के आवासों पर कुल कितनी राशि व्यय की है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) 20-11-91 की स्थिति के अनुसार परिचालनात्मक 46 स्टेशनों की एक सूची विवरण में दी गई है । जिन स्टेशनों से वायुदूत सेवाएं बन्द कर दी गई थीं उनकी सूची विवरण 2 में दी गई है।

(ग) और (घ) सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है।